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Traveling Exhibit Commemorates World War I Centennial Opens October 5, 2017

BY LEISA GREATHOUSE



A Red Cross nursing uniform displayed on a mannequin will be seen in the exhibit.



War Stamps Propaganda Poster-WWI

In a tribute to victory acres, war bonds and heroic efforts in battle, a traveling exhibition commemorating the centennial of the U.S. entry into World War I opens at the Museum of the Cape Fear on Thursday, Oct. 5. The Museum of the Cape Fear will present this free exhibition of 10 informational panels and related artifacts through Nov. 12. It's a great way to show appreciation for "The war to end all wars." Fayetteville is the 11th site across the state to showcase the exhibit during the 2017 centennial.

"The museum feels fortunate to have the exhibit during the Veterans Day holiday, Nov. 11," says Leisa Greathouse, curator of education. "It was on the 11th hour, of the 11 day, of the 11th month that the armistice was signed to end "the war to end all wars," concluded Greathouse.

WWI began with the assassination of Austrian Archduke Ferdinand and his wife, Sophie, June 28, 1914. The U.S. was reluctant to enter the conflict as the casualties to European armies approached one million by 1916. Although the U.S. was initially neutral, continuing German atrocities, such as the Zimmerman telegram and attacks on American vessels, led President Woodrow Wilson to declare war on Germany in April 1917.

Ships for the effort were built in Wilmington, and Camp Glenn near Morehead City was a National Guard training station that later was transferred to the U.S. Navy. It became a Naval Air Station and helped patrol North Carolina's coastline for German U-boats that threatened our shores during WWI.

Agriculture was the linchpin of the state's economy in 1917, and North Carolina farmers fed their fellow citizens and provided crops for the insatiable textile mills and tobacco factories. Women joined the Red Cross, YMCA and Salvation Army to serve as nurses in military hospitals at home and in France. Children grew thrift gardens to earn money to buy war bonds. Industry and individuals united to support the war effort.

North Carolinians served in the major battles of the Western Front in 1918, including with the British Army in intense combat in Belgium and France. The U.S. suffered more than 275,000 casualties and more than 50,000 deaths in five months of action in 1918.

The exhibit closes at the museum on Nov. 12. From Fayetteville the exhibit will travel to Barton College in Wilson. The exhibit then travels to the last two sites: CSS Neuse State Historic Site in Kinston, and the Charlotte Hawkins Brown State Historic Site in Sedalia, to close out the centennial. Admission is free.

For more information about the NC World War I Centennial, please visit the website: <http://www.ncdcr.gov/education/topics/world-war-i>.

Poe House Exhibit Honors WWI Centennial

BY MEGAN MAXWELL

In addition to the travelling exhibit inside the Museum of the Cape Fear, the 1897 Poe House is also featuring an exhibit titled “America at War: Life at Home During WWI.” The house is staged to show the many different ways the Great War affected families like the Poe’s. Learn about how civilians contributed to the war effort stateside, volunteering with the Red Cross, sending foreign relief to refugees, knitting, canning, planting war gardens, and more. Visitors will also experience the wide span of propaganda that targeted American citizens to encourage enlistment and help from the home front.

E.A. Poe, Jr.’s military experience is featured in the exhibit. He was drafted and ordered to report to Clemson College on July 13, 1918 and is listed in the “Clemson University Student Military Service Records, 1894-1944” on the Roster Second Training Detachment as enrolled in a blacksmith course. This is verified by a letter he wrote to his mother on July 19, 1918. Though Allen did not spend much time in Europe, being separated from his family for months during training was a typical experience for many Americans.

The World War I theme will continue with our fall programming this year. Hallowe’en Revels Night Tours of the Poe House will take place in 1917, and our Christmas theme will also be reflective of that year. “America at War: Life at Home During WWI” will be on exhibit through the end of 2017.

Museum to Participate in “Heroes Homecoming”

BY LEISA GREATHOUSE

The museum is partnering with the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (FACVB), along with many of communities and agencies, to bring focus and attention to the Vietnam veteran, the POWs & MIAs in the fifth edition of Heroes Homecoming. This county-wide, nine-day event will provide a multitude of opportunities to salute, remember, and to get to know the sacrifices of service men and women from the Vietnam War.

The museum will host two events and two exhibits. Please see the event calendar for details about the programs. The two exhibits are “Hugh’s Crate” and a missing man table. The museum will be one of more than 200 places around Cumberland County where a missing man table will be set up. A symbol and tribute to honor POWs & MIAs whose families still seek closure.

Hugh’s Crate has been on exhibit in previous years and Heroes Homecoming provides another opportunity to memorialize this brave soldier. Lt. Hugh Wellons, brother of local musician Caroline Parsons, was killed in action in 1966. His crate sat in the family garage, virtually untouched, until the museum first exhibited it in 2009.



Hugh’s Crate will be on exhibit as part of the annual “Heroes Homecoming.”



Night Tours Bring *Hallowe'en in 1917*

BY MEGAN MAXWELL

The Gilbert Theater is back with us for Hallowe'en Revels 2017! This year's play will feature the theme of Hallowe'en at home in 1917 during WWI.

For those who have not attended before, this is not a traditional Poe House tour. Guests will be transported back in time, witnessing a series of short vignettes while becoming immersed in early 20th century cultural norms, music, and poetry through this scripted short play. This is a unique opportunity to experience historical theater in an actual historic home. For a more detailed look at the Poe House and family history, attend a tour during regular museum hours.

Tickets are \$3 per person, children under 4 are admitted free but must be carried by an adult. Due to the high level of interest in this event we will be selling tickets in advance online. Tickets will go on sale on Oct. 1, 2017, and the link will be posted at that time. Remaining tickets may be available at the door the night of the event. Updates on ticket availability will be posted the day of the event.

Tours will run every 20 minutes beginning at 6:00 pm with the last tour departing at 10:00 pm each evening. Tour space is limited to 15 participants per tour. There will be an actor's break from 8:00-8:20pm.

This project is supported by the Arts Council in part by contributions from businesses and individuals, and through grants from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County and the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources. Matching funds are being provided by the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation, Inc.



The cast of Hallowe'en Revels 2016. The cast and storyline change from year to year.

Sandbox Band Headlines Trick or Treat

BY MEGAN MAXWELL

Thanks to a grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County we are excited to announce that *Sandbox Band* will be performing at the Poe House Trick or Treat on October 28. Sandbox is a five-piece kids' and family music band from Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, NC. "We play rockin', rootsy music for children of all ages, songs that moms and dads will enjoy as much as the kids! Our live shows mix timeless traditional songs (with our own twist) and our own original kids' music: Sandbox songs about food, dreams, family, and friendship." The band will perform at 11:30, 12:30, and 1:30. Each set is 40 minutes long. Join us for this free children's concert along with our traditional Hallowe'en activities including a Costume Contest, games, and more!



Crowds Experience “History LIVE!” at Festival of Yesteryear

BY MEGAN MAXWELL

More than 800 people attended our “Festival of Yesteryear” held on Saturday September 9, in partnership with the Lafayette Birthday Celebration sponsored by the Lafayette Society. They experienced hands on historical demonstrations, musical performances, and more from 75 artists, performers, and re-enactors. Surveys collected from 10% of the audience reflected visitation from 24 different NC cities and 4 different states. Here are some comments from our collected event surveys:

“Interactive, educational, and fun!” – James Marshall, Fayetteville

“Authentic re-enactments, music. Great place for this event. I thought I was in New Bern but a smaller scale. More personal.” – Jave Casto, Fayetteville

“Learned SOOO much! Great presentations, loved the Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine too!”—Merrie McLamb, Harrells, NC



Clockwise from top left: Volunteer Dave Peglau assists with the cannon; Staff poses with special guest Mayor Nat Robertson; Death of Blackbeard Puppet Show; Spinning Demo; Surveyor; Gov. Arthur Dobbs; Tar Demo; Apprentice Alley craft area.

A Message from the MCFHC Foundation

As we enter into the final months of 2017, please remember to continue to support the MCFHC. You can now donate to the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation from our website, www.museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov. From the home page, scroll down to the bottom until you see the header "Support the Museum." Click on the DONATE button below, it's that simple!

Also note that the 1897 Poe House grounds are available for weddings and special events! Rental fees support programming and more!

The foundation supports Museum programs, exhibits and events throughout the year. While the state provides operating costs, all other activities are funded through grants and donations. Your support is needed to continue offering high quality educational programs and exhibits.

If you would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities or the MCFHC Foundation programming, please contact Museum Administrator David Reid at (910) 486-1330 or david.reid@ncdcr.gov. Thank you for your continued support!

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Keep up with the latest news about the NC Civil War History Center by visiting their website <http://nccivilwarcenter.org/> or follow them on Facebook and Twitter @nccivilwarcenter. You can also support the Center by donating or becoming a foundation member.

Welcome New Volunteers

BY LEISA GREATHOUSE

We are pleased to announce the addition of several new volunteers who joined us over the summer. In August, the Poe House made the front cover of the Saturday Extra with the headline, "Docents Needed." As a result, our volunteer ranks have grown and we currently have many folks in training or who will be completing training in September. Please join us in welcoming:

Lou Tippet
 Wilma Leinonen
 Katherine Marable
 Brittani Boothe
 Cassandra McMillion
 Holly Silkman

Jessica Brinkman
 Jennifer Johnson
 Jane Peacock
 Kimberly Monica
 Ronald Bryant





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Museum Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10-5
Sunday 1-5

1897 Poe House Tours

Tues-Fri 11:00, 1:00, 3:00
Saturday 10-4 on the hour
Sunday 1-4 on the hour

Museum Staff

David Reid
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Louise White
Ruth Aldridge
Sarah Stubbs
Angel Garcia

And more than 50
volunteers

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex consists of a NC southeast regional history museum, the 1897 Poe House, and Arsenal Park. Two floors of exhibits present the rich history of southeastern North Carolina, from the Paleo-Indian period to the first decades of the 1900s in the Museum of the Cape Fear. The fully restored and furnished 1897 Poe House, home of E.A. Poe, a Fayetteville brick maker, offers a glimpse of early twentieth-century life and the changes that defined this era. Finally, Arsenal Park marks the site commissioned in 1838 by the federal government to manufacture and store arms. The arsenal was used by the Confederacy during the Civil War, and it was destroyed by Union troops under the command of General William T. Sherman in March of 1865. Admission to the Museum Complex is FREE.

Upcoming Events

Hallowe'en Revels Night Tours of the 1897 Poe House October 25-27, 2017 6:00-10:00 pm

The Gilbert Theater is back with us for Hallowe'en Revels 2017! This year's play will feature the theme of Hallowe'en at home in 1917 during WWI. Guests will be transported back in time, witnessing a series of short vignettes while becoming immersed in early 20th century cultural norms, music, and poetry through this scripted short play. This is a unique opportunity to experience historical theater in an actual historic home. Tickets are available in advance online. Tickets are \$3 per person with no ticket required for children under 4. Tours will run every 20 minutes beginning at 6:00 pm with the last tour departing at 10:00 pm each evening. Tour space is limited to 15 participants per tour.

Trick or Treat at the Poe House Saturday October 28, 2017 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Games, storytelling, candy, prizes and a FREE CONCERT!! Costume contest categories by age, \$1 entry fee, register before 2:00 pm. Creative, historical and handmade costumes encouraged! Featuring the *Sandbox Band* playing at 11:30, 12:30, and 1:30 and *Joy the Clown* performing magic and balloon twisting throughout the day. Concessions available. Admission is FREE!

"A Soldier's Heart" Understanding Vietnam Veterans' Experiences Through Oral History

November 4, 2017 2:00 pm

Dr. Cyndi Briggs will present stories from her

oral history work with Vietnam veterans. Dr. Briggs holds her PhD in Counseling from Oregon State University and teaches in the Masters of Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Walden University. FREE!

Meet and Greet Vietnam Veterans November 7, 2017 1:00-4:00 pm

One of many opportunities city-wide to meet and get to know a Vietnam veteran during Heroes Homecoming. Socialize over refreshments, view exhibits and listen to the stories from the brave men and women who served in Vietnam. Walt Brinker, a Vietnam veteran, will give a presentation at 2:00 pm about how service has helped his PTSD and he helps other veterans by suggesting little acts of kindness can aid them in dealing with their PTSD. Admission is FREE!

Holiday Jubilee December 3, 2017 1-5 pm

Celebrate the Christmas season at the annual Holiday Jubilee at the 1897 Poe House. This free event features a concert by Fayetteville's own Coventry Carolers. The Coventry Carolers will perform on the front porch of the Poe House at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. The house will be decorated for a Victorian Christmas providing a beautiful backdrop for this festive event and will be open between the caroling performances. The Poe House kitchen will be alive with the smells of Christmas goodies cooking on our 1902 Glenwood stove. Santa Claus will also be in attendance and available for pictures throughout the event. Santa photos are FREE! Admission is FREE!

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex is part of the NC Department of Cultural Resources/Division of State History Museums.